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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Warmington, John et al.

Title:

**DETECTION OF CANDIDA** 

Serial No.:

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002, in which a response was due on October 25, 2001, a petition for a one-month extension of time being filed concurrently herewith, applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-8, 13-15 and 17, drawn to a method of diagnosing candida infection, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Although applicant believes that no additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorize to charge any additional fees deemed necessary, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

September 25, 2002

Date:

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Respectfully submitted,

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